After referring to the circumstances under

in the canvam then progressing, Mr. V. said: But I came not to speak in mere person ality here. I beg leave, in a word, to define my position during the last five years; for there are hundreds and thousands here, as elsewhere, doubtless, to whom it is unknown, and by whom it is misunderstood. Having been invited to speak here I may be per mitted to remove that misunderstanding I know that, in regard to the mass of the people of Kentucky, the true men and the women of the old Commonwealth, there is no misunderstanding. It may very proba bly happen that I have not agreed in all things with very many who are here assem bled. Kentucky occupied a peculiar position during the recent civil war; but I never address a public assembly except with the understanding that I speak my own true sentiments, and that they shall be exhibited whether they meet with concurrence or not because in freedom and in candor they wi be delivered. Let there be no misunder standing, then. There never was an hour from the beginning, when I believed, nor de I now believe, that civil war was the true ust, or proper means of maintaining the stitution and restoring the union of these States. On the other hand, there never was

a moment when I favered Southern inde

I believe in a restored or reconstructed

pendence or a separate Government.

Union, and never did faith burn dim for one moment upon the altar of my breast. elieved that God Almighty had written Union upon the mountains, and inscribed i upon the rivers of this continent; and i was only a question of whether the Union should be reconstructed by the Paritan of non-Puritan race. [Cheers.] Years ago was a Union man, when the leaders of the Republican party, which is now the Radical party of the United States, and none other-(there is no Republican party separate and apart from the Radicals)—when these leaders were proclaiming the Constitution a league with death and the Union a covenant with hell, I was for the Union, at a time when they bore flags, ten years ago, with sixteen stars upon them, emblematic of the sixteen free States of the Union. This position I maintained. Along with General Comes, in 1860, I addressed the combined orces, who were resolved to maintain the Union, if possible, in the city of New York, and in the State of New Jersey. There was scarcely a disumionist at that time in the State of Kentucky; and I believe at no peried has there been any man in this Stateand if you enquire, in any Southern State-who desired disunion for its own sake. [Cheers.] They wanted to maintain contutional liberty; they wanted a free Federal Union such as our fathers made. As I have said before, and I speak freely, in my adgment the capital mistake of the eleven ates that severled, was in the idea of an in endent Government. I am in favor o he reconstruction of the States, of mantainng the Constitution and the Union in their ntegrity, as they were intended and devised by the founders of the Republic. So much, then, gentlemen, allow me upon this ques-

As a member of Congress from the State of Ohio, I joined hands with one of your most eloquent, one of your most revered mblic men, whose voice has resounded in the State Capitol for forty or lifty years in the history of Kentucky. I was an advocate of the preservation of the Union of these ates, by the support of the well-known [Applause.] Propositions defeated by the unanimous vote of Republican Senators and Representatives, [a voice—" I'll beton you,"] not one in either chamber having been recorded in favor of them. Why? Because that Republican party was resolved on war as an instument for destroying slavery. That is why we had no compromise then. And I stood there during the entire session of 1860-61, battling in behalf these measares of peace and adjustment, which would have averted and dissipated the gathering storm of civil war. Had this measure pre-vailed, there would have been no marshaling of armies, no shedding of fraternal blood, no sound of cannon; none of the despotisms and normities which have defiled the fair hisery of our country. No widow's tear would save fallen, and no orphan's cries would have been wafted upon those breezes which once hore naught but happiness throughout this land. Ah! your homes would not have been deserted, women of Kentneky, nor the bomes of our mothers, our sisters, or daughters and our wives in Ohio. But it was not so willed by those who held the power, and war came. But of that I shall

tantially, of what I said to another Kenncky andience. I am not here indecently termeddle in the local politics of Kenncky; but as I believe Kentucky is a part of the Union; as I believe it is a portion of my country, I feel it just as good right to be iere, to speak upon topics which are common to us all, as though I had been born in Kentucky; and I would like to see the man that gainsays it. [Applause.] If I have suffered arrest, imprisonment and exile, it is because I loved liberty and hated yranny. [Loud applause.] Not because did not adore the Constitution, the Union, and the Government of the country; not because I had not, in boyhood as in man-hood, bowed down in almost idolatrous worship of the stars and stripes, the emblem of our country seen when we had a free united country. Proscribed! For what? because, daring thus to maintain principle and opinions which I learned from my fathers, I fell under the hand of despotism. Had I, or others with me, been teaching any new faith, seeking to establish any new gov ernment here on this continent, I should not have been surprised; but how stood the case? I followed but the precepts of the fathers. If I erred, it was with Washingron, with Jefferson, with Maddson, with WERSTER, with CLAY, with CHITTENDEN. with a whole generation of the first and second American patriots and statesmen; and I would rather err with them still-if error it be-if it was an error whose fruits were peace, happiness, prosperity throughout this land for five and seventy years. [Ap-plause.] These were ideas, I grant you, not consonant with the doctrines of later

There was no war power within the lines of the Constitution then known. That error every true man, statesman, lawver, would have rejected and spurned and spit upor years ago. What were these notions then They were the notions of the non-Puritan portion of the United States; they were the tions of Southern civilization and Weseen civilization and non-Poritan Northern ivilization-enlarged, liberal, tolerant noions-the notions which descended from Teaven, revealed by God, embodied in the ermon on the mount, proclaimed by the ngels who sang at the Savior's nativity-Peace on earth and good will toward men. Applause.] They were the doctrine of the eclaration of Independence, that our Goverument derived its just powers from the consent of the governed. Hence, by peace care not to emancipate their slaves, but to and compromise, the Constitution was fram-There is, and can be, no Union except within and upon the Constitution. [Cheers,] Away with your dabsters in politics who talk to me of unity. I am against unity. Unity is tyranny; unity is despotism; unity is consolidation; it is dissolution of the Union. [Applause.] I am for Federal Union—union of sovereign and independent States, bound together by their compact, giving to the General Government absolute remacy in all things, and reserving to the States all their rights and liberties in their utmost integrity. [Applause.] That's the sort of Union that Washington

and Madison made, and Jackson, and in Massachusetts, to oppose it. He accordingly began this agitation. In the begin only Union consistent with the preservation of the liberties of the people. [A voice Hurrah for Vallandman.] For the strengthened; they obtained power; by and-Union, if need were, if it were the impulse by they swallowed up the Whig party, ex-Union, if need were, if it were the impulse of my head, that my poor sacrifice would restore it and maintain it, gladly should that sacrifice be made. Such a Union, I have faith in heaven, faith in the American people, will yet be restored in its integrity, in jured it may be, bearing upon it scars of the recent conflict, and wounds received at the hands of the despotism which recently

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could not endure, part slave and part free, rod down the people of these States, But it and that there was an irrepressible conflict will be restored, through much tribulation, t may be-after another war, it may be-if iose who to-day have the control of Coness shall be permitted to succeed in their | land for the past five years. Now that the

bemes and force that war upon us; but coner or later, in my time, I trust, and in ime of the oldest here, we shall see the rty restored as our fathers made it; [Aplause] not five and thirty States, but a hunfred; the American Government extending to protection from one one of the North American continent to the other; the flag of which he visited Kentucky and participated | that Government, such as I have described floating in triumph over every acre of this erritory. This is the vision which now dawns upon my eye, and I have faith that

it will yet be realized.

hen not a hostile gun has been fired in the ately Confederate States, when no armed he against the authority of the United ates has appeared, still we have neither a constitution maintained nor a Union reored; and to-day we are in the midst of the very questions, in a different form only, which divided us six years ago in the Presidential election, and during the memorable recourse between the States would remain as before the war. Never was prophesy bet-ter verified. To-day it is a question of the terms of intercourse, as LINCOLN proclaimed The President of the United States, ving the power, proclaimed a line of poli-The Democratic party of the United States, laving no power, were obliged either to reject or accept that line of policy, be-lieving, without reference to its incipient tages, its inauguration, or any question of titutional right growing out of it, believing, nevertheless, that that policy did tend to the maintenance of the Constitution, the reconstruction of the Union, and the reservation of our liberties. The Democ party of the United States have noepted the reconstruction policy of the President. His own party, the men who elected him President, have rejected and repudiated that policy. What is it? As it stands to-day, on the one side immediate, uncondiional readmission of the Southern States, as States, to the exercise of equal rights within the Union; upon the other side, the acceptance of conditions which imply, as I said, first, dishonor and degradation, and next the loss, total and absolute, of political equality, the different ideas, and essentially different forms

The President, born in the South, educated the tendency of the times in which we lived | though dead, HENRY CLAY yet speaketh. toward centralization of power, and the aborption of all the rights of the States in the neral Government, I would rather have a man whose creed was, that the people could do no wrong, than one who believed that the people never did right nor thought right.

Applause. It is the old Federal school and the old Democratic school of politics that to-day raised these issues, and these schools grew out of the different races by which this continent was settled. We had in New England the Puritan race. Now, inderstand me, all New Englanders are not uritans. They may be all Yankees, and we all know that to the people of Great Britain, all Americans are Yankees; and down in these eleven States that made up the late

Confederate Government, why we were all called Yankees; yes, you Kentuckians, I know that, for I was there, you remember [Laughter.] You Kentuckians in the Federal army were Yankees too. But the domieant party in New England to-day, as from the beginning, is the Puritan, narrow, contracted, intermeddling; that spirit which from the first has spread so much mischief among the children of men; the fruitful paents of the wars and all discords among n ions and communities. What is it? Why, that other men shall not be permitted to do and think differently from them; who believe themselves the peculiar favorites of

It is the spirit that dictated the famous re solution in the early settlement of New England, when, instead of taking possession as DANIEL BOONE did of Kentucky, rifle in and, the saints met together near Cape Cod or Plymouth Rock, somewhere in that region, and, to ease their consciences and proclaim to the world how saintly and how pious they were, resolved, first, that the earth was the Lord's, and the fullness thereof; second, that the earth belonged to the aints; and, third, that they were the saints. Applause and laughter.] From that hour same spirit has charaterized these men. Some of them, either because they were too stingy (to use a common but well understood expression,) to buy spirituous liquor or wine, and having no one among them liberal enough to offer it as a gift, and, therefore being temperate, were resolved that nobod; living in Kentucky or Ohio should drink wine or spiritous liquor. Believing that some particular form of religion was the only form that God Almighty had revealed from Heaven, and that they were the only men who had that divine light, that illomin ating principle, which made them in direct mesmeric or telegraphic connection with the Almighty, they were resolved that nobody who worshiped God in any other way was entitled to property and liberty and life They didn't wear coats of that peculiar cut -which need not be mentioned-and they

thought that any man who wore Quaker clothes sinned against God Almighty. They rung Quakers upon the trees in Boston ommon. Some miserable old spinster so ngly to find herself a husband [laughter took into to her head that some rival spin ster had betwitched her, and therefore she could not get married; and thus a bue and ery was raised against a particular class of ld and homely hage, that they were bewitched; that witcheraft was a sin denounced in the Old Testiment; that it was a sin against God; and these ministers of divine ven-geance accordingly proceeded to avenge the sin against the Almighty by burning the

Now, this same spirit has continued to our own day. It is the spirit of the late civil war. There was not one victim offered up there on the field of battle, there was not a widow's sigh or an orphan's groan, not one drop of blood, not one dime of treasure, nothing of the suffering which overspres the country that can not be directly traced to this cursed spirit of Puritan intermed dling. [Applause.] Why, about 1787 they liscovered that slavery was not profitable i Massachusetts or New England. They were the first slaveholders; they were the first slave importers, and they were the last, for the very last ship, on the 31st day of Decem ber, 1836, that entered Charleston harbor, was owned almost exclusively by New Englanders. But they discovered that it was unprofitable, and they resolved that slavery was wrong, was a sin; but they took good sell them down South, and thus abolished out that slavery grew and flourished.

slavery. [Applanus.] By-and-by it turned Now, understand me; I am not here to defend that institution. A Northern man by birth, a citizen of Ohio, from my nativity I have never discussed that question, and certainly shall not discuss it not. Let the dead past bury its dead. I am only tracing the causes which led to the civil war. But slavery did flourish. The Southern States bacame wealthy; the contributed two-thirds or three-fourths of the exports of the country. The Yankees said that slavery was wrong

in the sight of God and his own, and tha being a sin, it was his duty, though he lived

between the two; and out of that doctrine came the civil war which consumed this war is over, we have the same identical questions as to the terms of intercourse be tween these States lately slaveholding, and the other States of the Union. I say, in regard to the question of slavery, let "the dead past bury its dead." I accept the situation. Slavery is abolished, and abol-ished it will remain; but whether for the good or evil of this county, let the future determine. Of that, I say nothing. It is the hand of Providence; there wisely let it

This is the third time it has been my for- 31 College street, Nashville, Tennessee. tune to tread the soil of Kentucky. When last within your limits, it was as a prisoner of State. Yes, in ABRHAM LINCOLN'S time After fifteen months of so-called peace, there were pr soners of State, and a bastile. a tower, aye, and a tower hall. With a file of soldiers, not permitted to commune with friends, I passed through Kentucky, for no other crime than that, having learned it as the right of American citizens to entertain whatsoever opinion they chose to entertain upon public affairs, and in popular assem-blies to express that opinion, I dared, nevermession of Congress that preceded the war.

Mr. Lincoln said, and I believe it is about the only wise thing I know of his having uttered—[laughter]—possibly it may have the only wise thing I know or me have uttered—[laughter]—possibly it may have been the production of some one else, that long and solemn funeral cortege which follows are and fight for years, but uin accomplished, and you had ceased fight-ng, the same identical question of terms of which the kindly affections of the people of Kentucky had erected to that great man and true patriot, in marble, standing erect, as imposing, as majestic, as God-like, as whe he thundered in the American Senate. [Applause. I saw the tears that streamed from the eyes of men and women of his own be loved State, on the threshold of Ashland where, for so many years, he had lived, for

o many years been loved. I heard that most impressive of all venerable services, and I followed the long fune ral procession through the streets of Lexington, draped in mourning; and saw laid away, in an honored grave in the cemetery of that city, the immortal remains of him whose name, by nativity, belonged to the grand old Commonwealth of Virginia, by adoption became the heritage of Kentucky, and, by the consent of the people of America, a part of their inheritance. [Applause.] A short time before he died, addressing a public assembly, possibly here in Frankford t may be upon this very spot, I remember in referring to that grand organization of which he was the parent, that party which he loved, and which so loved him, but which even then was being poisoned by contamination with the political sentiments which, so very corner-stone of our confederation. [Ap- rife then, have sowed the seeds of discord plause.] These policies have grown out of and civil war, ripening since into a bountiinferent notions, different instincts, totally ful harvest. Referring to that party, he said that if ever the time should come when the Whig party became corrupted into a miserable, contemptible, fanatical party, he would in the Democratic party, and known, previ- then forsake it and join hands with the men ous to the war, only as being a little too much of a Democrat, if you please; for the only charge I ever heard against Andrew tion and the Union as the fathers made it-Johnson, previous to 1861 (I don't make it, I repeat it), that he was so much of a Demo-ken to the voice of your departed patriot. crat that he was a good deal of a demagogue. Place your ears now where his mortal re-When expressing confidence in him, I was mains repose, and hear the voice coming up met by this declaration, and I said that in distinct as in that hour, for remember that,

> ARREST UNDER THE CIVIL RIGHTS From the Baltimore Gazette, 31st. 7 John Horwood, a justice of the peace at Prince Frederick, Calvert county, Md., was brought to the city by Deputy Marshal GRUVER, and yesterday arraigned before U. Commissioner BROOKS, upon the charge of refusing to take negro evidence in a case avolving the rights of white men. It is stated that a short time ago a negro named | COMMERCIAL INSURANCE COMPANY, SHANNON, living in the above vicinity, offered some indignity to a Dr. WILKINSON, who afterwards, with some friends, proceeded to a church about four miles distant, where Shannon and a brother were found, Then a shot was fired by some one outside, and one of the SHANNONS wounded in the back part of the thigh. This produced great excitement, and a fight ensued, during which a man named ROUERTSON, who was not engaged in it but who had ridden up to learn the cause of the quarrel, was fired at and killed. The SHANNONS were arrested and committed to jail by a magistrate named Lyles, Subsequently, RICHARD P. JORDAN, counsel for the negroes, filed a suggestion for the removal of the case to an adjoining county. Knowledge of this affair coming to the officers of the Freedmens' Bureau, two of them, Capt. BATEMAN and Major VAN VLEIT, visited she locality and commenced an investigation. Among other things, they wanted to learn the names of the parties enaged in the attack upon the negroes at the irch with a view to arrest, and took the affidavits of the two negroes in jail. It is then alleged that Justice Horwood refused administer the oath to the negroes, on ne gound that it was contrary to the laws of the State of Maryland. On the part of Justice Hopwoon it is denied that he made any refusal upon such ground, but declined o go to the jail on account of ill health, he seing at the time confined to his house. Mr.

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